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TRANSMITTAL FOR CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior Application Serial No. 10/056,190, filed January 25, 2002, Patent No. 6,719,861 (hereinafter "the Parent Application"), which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/441,598, filed November 17, 1999, Patent No. 6,346,069, which claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/147,699, filed August 6, 1999.

- A. Enclosed Application Elements and Accompanying Parts
- X A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising seventy (70) pages.
- X Twenty-seven (27) sheets of drawings.
- X A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as originally filed in the Parent Application and currently in effect.
- A Request for Nonpublicaiton of Application.
- X Entitlement to small entity status is claimed under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

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- ☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status is enclosed.
- ☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in the Parent Application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☒ A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV403484785US.
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

B. Instructions and Averments

- ☒ Priority to Application Serial No. 10/056,190, filed January 25, 2002, Patent No. 6,719,861, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/441,598, filed November 17, 1999, Patent No. 6,346,069, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- ☒ Priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/147,699, filed August 6, 1999 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above priority application is filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.
- ☒ The Parent Application is assigned of record to Econova, Inc., as recorded at reel 012541, frames 0072.

C. Payments

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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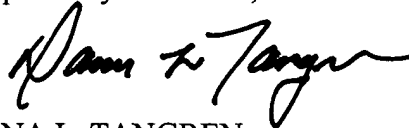
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- X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
- X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
- The issue fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).
- X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 9th day of April 2004.

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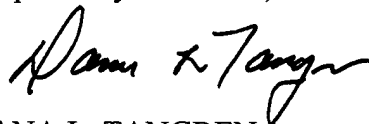
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- Patent Application in the name of Kevin E. Collier for CENTRIFUGAL SEPARATORS (70 pages)
- Drawings (27 sheets)
- Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages)
- Transmittal Letter (3 pages) (in duplicate)
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